## Connie Bruins - Inland Empire Energy Center -- Comments for April 12, 2005 Workshop

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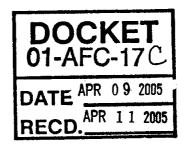
Subject: Inland Empire Energy Center -- Comments for April 12, 2005 Workshop

April 9, 2005

California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street, MS-3000 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Inland Empire Energy Center

Gentlepersons:



Please accept this letter as written testimony for the public workshop on January 30, 2002 regarding the proposed Inland Empire Energy Center. We are not in a position to comment on the technical modifications proposed but wish to express general support.

EHL's position is based upon environmental and land use considerations. This would be an efficient, low-polluting state-of-the art facility that could replace older power plants. Its location has the advantage of proximity to distribution facilities and to a source of recycled water for cooling. The site is within an area of compatible heavy industrial zoning where the infrastructure brought in by the facility could catalyze other employment-generating uses. Finally, there is no conflict with the County of Riverside's draft Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.

We stress, however, that such new production facilities must be *part* of a comprehensive energy strategy focused on energy conservation and renewable energy.

For these reasons, we urge your favorable consideration of the Inland Empire Energy Center. Please be in contact if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

Dan Silver Coordinator

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## PACIFIC CACTUS, LLC

From the desk of Sterling K. Carlson, President

April 1, 2005

Ms. Connie Bruins
Project Manager
California Energy Commission
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Dear Ms. Bruins,

The California Energy Commission (CEC) staff will be discussing the modification of the Inland Empire Energy Center's (IEEC) application with members of my community on April 12, 2005. As I'm sure you are well aware, the approval of this application will lead to much needed economic expansion in this area. I respectfully request that the vote you cast is in favor of the proposed amendment to the Inland Empire Energy Center's approved proposal.

I own a 2.2 acre parcel of commercial land at the southwest corner of Indian Road and Cactus Avenue in Moreno Valley. The addition of a power plant in Romoland would have beneficial impacts not only for myself and the surrounding property owners, but would jump start the economy in Moreno Valley and other surrounding communities.

The IEEC will confer substantial economic advantages by supplying critical energy demands to our ever-growing region. It will carve an edge in pursuing future economic development by retaining highly competitive, large companies and the well-paying jobs they typically provide.

To remain competitive in the fast-paced regional market, companies must be able to 'keep the lights on.' Having ready access to the IEEC by the year 2008 will sustain our current businesses, and promote future business investments in our region, because we will have the necessary resources to accommodate them.

The IEEC is an essential step for our region's economy – a catalyst for long-term prosperity, business growth, job creation, and local revenue enhancement.

I strongly urge you and the rest of the Commission to support this application.

Thank you,

Sterling K. Carlson

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President

Pacific Cactus, LLC



March 30, 2005

Ms. Connie Bruins Compliance Project Manager for the California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: California Energy Commission Approval of the Inland Empire Energy Center's Amendment to the Approved Application, Enabling Them to Provide a System Upgrade.

Ms. Bruins:

I am the Chairwoman of the Menifee Valley Property Owners Alliance (MVPOA). We serve as a coalition of residential and commercial land owners in the Menifee Valley region of Riverside County. The MVPOA strives to protect the interests of property owners, investors and operators in residential, commercial, and mixed-use real estate.

In doing so we have identified over 200 active property owners in the Menifee Valley who want to see this area prosper and grow into a thriving economic powerhouse. I am writing to you today as a representative of those community members. As a team, we have been anxiously working to bring quality residential development to the Menifee Valley to attract commercial and business opportunities like the one you are reviewing.

Bringing a power plant operation to Romoland would not only stimulate the job market in our area, but would also promote further commercial expansion and encourage people who live here to work and spend money here! This is a win, win situation for everyone involved.

I urge the Commissioners on behalf of my 200 plus constituents in the Menifee Valley to cast a critical vote in favor of economic prosperity and growth. Please support the amendment to the application for a state-of-the-art power plant facility in Romoland.

Thank you for your consideration, Elizabeth Sullivar

Elizabeth Sullivan Chair, MVPOA

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Connie Bruins
Project Manager
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Dear Ms. Bruins,

I am writing on behalf of my organization, Southern California Public Affairs Association, in order to express our support for the approval of the amendment being presented before the California Energy Commission concerning Calpine's application.

The Southern California Public Affairs Association is a group who strive to connect corporate and government public affairs professionals to ensure open dialogue on issues of mutual interest. We are greatly involved individuals and businesses who support the economic growth of the area. With the approval of the amendment, which will allow for the 775 megawatt facility in Romoland, General Electric will be able to improve Calpine's original plan with its state of the art technology. Compared to other natural gas systems, the plant has the capability to generate fewer emissions per megawatt. Additionally, it can release fewer emissions at a cheaper cost. This is a project in which all parties benefit!

I hope you regard the concern of myself and fellow members and approve the proposed amendment regarding the Calipine and General Electric's megawatt facility being proposed in Romoland, CA.

Sincerely.

**Brad Anderson** 

**Executive Director, SCPAA** 

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